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In re Application of: John R. Liddicoat et al.
Serial No.: 09/760,222
Filing Date: 01/12/2001
Title: TISSUE ANNULOPLASTY BAND AND
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
FASHIONING, SIZING AND
IMPLANTING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 3731
Attorney's Docket No.: VIA-14

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